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GILLILAND THE CHAUTAUQU

The Chautauqua for 1915 ended Tuesday night midst a roar of laughter. How fitting that Strickland Gilliland should appear as the final attraction and leave a caramel of merriment with each patron present. Notwithstanding the heavy and almost incessant rains during the week, they did not deter ticket holders from flocking to the big tent and enjoying the excellent talent provided at each entertainment. The Chautauqua of last year was a success in every way; the one this year proved even a greater success. Satisfaction appears to be general and profound, and our people doubtless will be glad to learn that the Medina Improvement association has already signed contract for a Chautauqua next year.

To the editor of the Sentinel last Saturday morning, Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus was high in his praise of the large audience who listened to his address the previous evening. To quote the Dr., "Oh, I tell you the audience was a fine one." He stated that a speaker can sense the sympathy of his audience before he has scarcely begun to speak and that he experienced this peculiar encouragement from the Medina audience Friday night. Dr. Gunsaulus asked many questions concerning Medina village and county. Aside from being one of the foremost men on the lecture platform of this country, Dr. Gunsaulus is a delightful man to meet personally and to converse with.

Strickland Gilliland dined Monday evening as the guest of Mrs. Edna Rickard Hamilton and Mr. Wm. Rickard relates the following incident of a conversation with the humorist. Mr. Rickard asked him if he could recall one of the funniest things he ever saw or heard. Gilliland replied: "One of the funniest things, to me,—you may think I am foolish—occurred in a small town in the western part of the state about two weeks ago, while I and a few others were waiting for a train. The operator seemed to be unusually busy, and was annoyed by a young man who frequently asked him if he could tell when the train would arrive. Presently a sedate and distinguished appearing man, whose garb and general carriage pronounced him a clergyman, approached the busy operator with the interrogation: "Have you received any tidings concerning the probable arrival of the train?" The operator gave him one frowning look and replied: "Not a ——— tidings."

MANY SIGN FOR FOUR YEAR TERM

While signatures were obtained in practically all counties of the state to the proposed initiative constitutional amendment extending the terms of county officers from two to four years, in seventy counties more than 5 per cent of the voters signed the petition. The initiative law requires that in at least a majority of counties 5 per cent of the voters must be signers.

The state committee of the county officers filed with the secretary of state Saturday 107,207 signatures and on Monday sent the balance. A total of 113,000 names is required. The state committee expects to have a margin of more than 10,000 names. These were obtained in about two weeks' time in most of the counties and only one week in some.

Those who circulated petitions in Medina county secured nearly a thousand names and report that nearly half of the signers were Republicans, who expressed themselves as regarding the proposition of a four-year term as wholly non-partisan.

Wadsworth Has Long Headed Clerk

Through the foresight of City Clerk H. E. Hiers of Wadsworth, between \$1,200 and \$1,500 has been saved to property owners on Highland avenue paving improvements.

Under the old way of meeting the cost of paving improvements bonds were sold for the entire cost to both town and property owners and the money on hand when the improvement started. As these bonds were not redeemable for ten years the interest ran into a big figure.

Under the new plan, which was suggested and fought through by Hiers in the face of opposition by the former solicitor and depository, only the amount of the town's apportionment was sold in bonds and held on hand when the improvement started, while the apportionment of the property owners amounted to much more was met by notes issued by the town whenever needed and redeemed at any time.

Wadsworth is one of the few municipalities to have tried the new system, its authority having been established by a supreme court decision in a case of the city of Elyria.

Students Visit Root Bee Farm

An annual excursion of the Woods Summer school to the A. I. Root farm took place Friday afternoon, the special car carrying 80 summer school people.

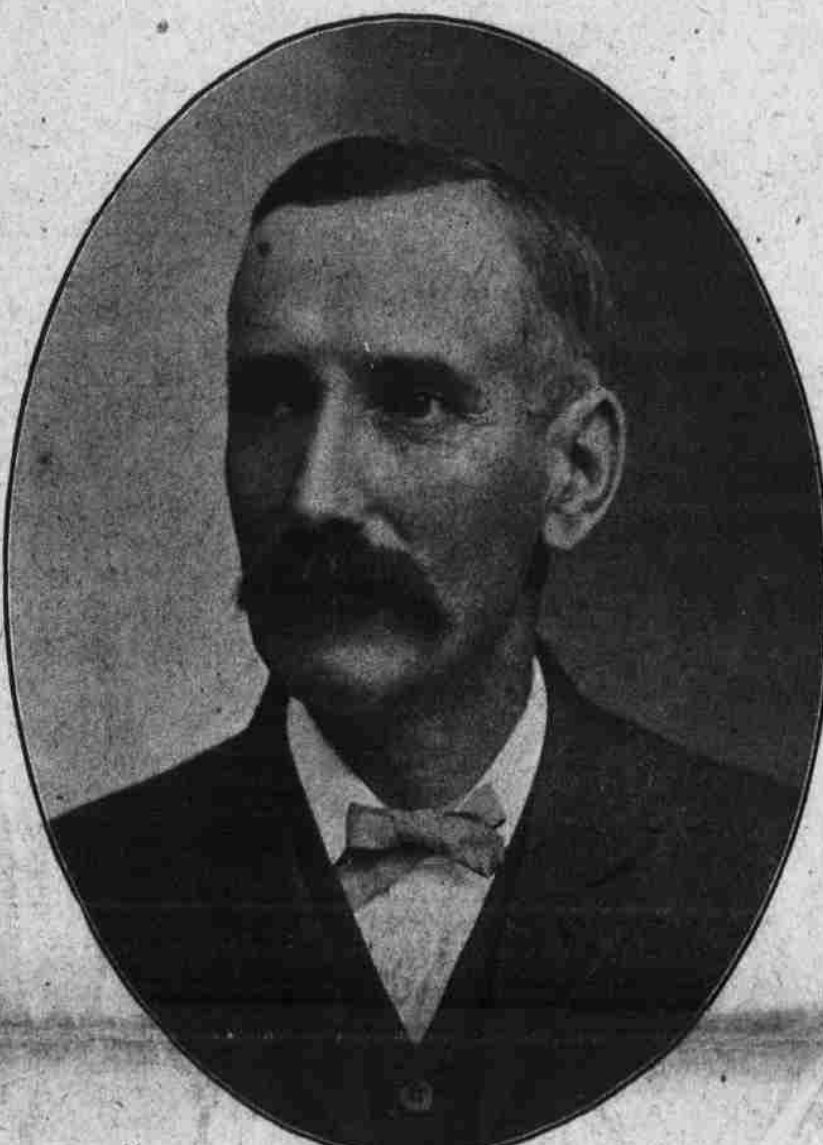
When the party reached Medina and the bee farm, E. R. Root conducted the visitors through the plant. First of all, everyone was supplied with a bee veil, for the protection against possible stings.

Attired in these strange articles, the party went to see the hives of bees. Mr. Root opened up the hives, and displayed the bees at close range the queens, the valuable centers of the hives, which are worth from \$2 to \$5, the workers, who make all the honey; the larvae, one in each of the little cells, and the drones. Mr. Root performed many feats with the bees; he put one in his mouth, about 200 in his hat, and then wore the hat filled with bees for about half an hour, and he

JAMES F. BRITTAIN DIES SUDDENLY

Friends in Sharon, his home town, as well as throughout the county, were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Ex-Tax Commissioner James F. Brittain, which occurred Sunday evening.

Mr. Brittain, recently appointed administrator of the estate of James Stoddard, received a telephone call Sunday evening, stating that some cattle on the Stoddard estate had escaped from pasture. In company with Mr. McCarty, a neighbor, Mr. Brittain went to the Stoddard home. When McCarty had returned from getting the cattle back into pasture, Mr. Brittain complained of feeling ill and urged that he be taken home as quickly as possible. While passing the home of Mrs. Louisa Hatch, about a mile from his own home, Mr. Brittain was in such a condition that McCarty



JAMES F. BRITTAIN

Gets \$3,120 For Death of Husband

The sum of \$3,120 was given this week by the State Industrial commission to Mrs. Bessie V. Schamp, Akron, widow of Richard Schamp, formerly of Medina, who was killed July 3, in the elevator of the Schaefer-Black Co. of Akron. This will be paid in weekly sums of \$10.

Soon after this, the party left the bee farm to return to Wooster. No one in the party failed to spend a very profitable and enjoyable afternoon; and expressed their indebtedness to Mr. Root for his interest and kindness.

BAND CONCERT PROGRAM

The director of the Medina Band announces the following program for next Saturday evening in the park: March—Oakland Carlisle Grand Selection—Maid Marian DeKoven Wagner Solo—Evening Star Mr. Harry Stoudt, soloist Forest Whispers Losey Overture—Orpheus Offenbach (a) Silver Threads Dankes (b) Heart Bowed Down Balfe Mr. Fred Bohley, soloist Waltz—Sobre las Olas Rosas March—Lincoln Centennial Sanford Gems of Stephen Foster (By request) Star Spangled Banner

FUNERAL OF HARRY MARKS

The body of Harry Marks, former Medina boy, who died in Fair Oaks, California, Wednesday, July 28, of tuberculosis, arrived here Monday morning. A funeral service was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at Undertaker Jay Sargent's chapel on S. Court street, conducted by Rev. Philip Kelsor, after which the body was removed to Seville and deposited in the family burial lot. The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Carrie Marks of West Friendship street and a sister (Eva) Mrs. T. G. Moore of Barnesville, O., and a brother William, of Cleveland. The deceased had not resided in Medina for very many years

even made a bee sting him on the arm. Mr. Root says that after being stung a large number of times, one becomes immune to the poison of the sting.

Next the party went on a tour of the buildings where the honey is put up ready for sale. Everyone was given a sample of the A. I. Root honey. The machines of various kinds were displayed, and their functions in preparing the honey for sale.

The body was removed to the Hatch home and Dr. Proudley of Sharon summoned, but to no avail. An undertaker from Wadsworth prepared the body for burial and it was removed to the family home at midnight.

The deceased was born in Sharon, Oct. 12, 1852, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brittain, and had always resided in that township. By trade the father was a stone mason and the son for many years followed the same occupation during the summer months, teaching school in the winter. Later and up to 1906, he followed the occupation of farmer, it conducting to better health than stone cutting. He was married to Luella McCoy of Akron, July 26, 1877.

In 1906 he was elected to the office of county commissioner, succeeding W. H. Ripley. Politically a Democrat, Mr. Brittain was the first man of that political faith to hold office in Medina county for thirty-three years. He served the county faithfully and was rewarded with a second term. In the fall of 1914 he was appointed county tax commissioner by Governor Cox, which position he filled with efficiency until removed by Gov. Willis to make place for the present incumbent, James Lowrie, Republican.

For several weeks prior to his relinquishment of the office of tax commissioner Mr. Brittain had been in very poor health, owing to an alarmingly abnormal blood pressure, and had been cautioned by his physician to avoid undue excitement of any kind, as such action would probably bring about a fatal ending. Whether Mr. Brittain was undergoing any unusual mental strain during the moments preceding his death will never be known.

The deceased was a conscientious and Christian man, highly respected by all who knew him. He had been identified with the Methodist church for upward of twenty years. He was genial in personality, kind and courteous, and his friends were legion.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock and at the Sharon M. E. church at 1:30. Rev. Crawford of that church officiating. Burial was made in the cemetery at Sharon Center.

Besides the widow, the deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Brittain, 85, and one brother, L. W. Brittain, all of Sharon.

COMPLAINT BOARD ORGANIZED MONDAY

The new board of complaint met in the office of County Auditor Garver Monday, and organized by electing Victor Homan of Lodi, president. The other members are Chas. Averill of Hinckley township and A. D. Summers of Medina. County Auditor L. F. Garver is clerk of the board by virtue of his office. On motion of chairman the board decided to adjourn until Monday, August 16th, as up to this time there are only a few complaints on file.

The board received notice from the state tax commission, that the compensation of each member of the board has been fixed at \$5 per day for each day actually in session. No additional clerk or stenographer for Auditor Garver was authorized. The tax commission also fixed the time within which the board shall complete work at ten working days. Only in case where emergencies arise requiring an extension of time, will the application of the board for such extension be given consideration by the commission.

County Auditor Garver said Monday that as soon as property owners receive the booklets and expect to file complaints, this complaint should be filed at once. The blanks can be secured at the district assessor's office, and the complaint must be filed with the county auditor.

The State board announces that the county board at its first meeting in August is not authorized to hear complaints concerning valuation of property for the year 1914, except in cases where additions and corrections were made by the district assessor after the duplicate was completed and delivered to the county auditor in September, 1914, and as to which the taxpayers had no opportunity to be heard by the board of complaints, which began its session in 1914. Hence, before hearing any complaint for 1914 valuations, the county board must consult the state commission, giving character of same.

COUNCIL SESSION TUESDAY NIGHT

Council was in session again Tuesday night and this is what they did: First, a motion was carried to reconsider the action of last week in reference to the material to be used by the Southwestern Co. in bonding the new pavement it is about to lay on West Liberty street. At its previous meeting it was decided that cement should be used instead of tar. But one of the councilmen who was absent at the former meeting took exceptions and his motion to reconsider was acted favorably upon. A representative of the railroad company was also present and stated that he believed tar to be the better material to use, as it would fill crevices that cement could not be forced into. The latter material is also the more expensive.

It was decided last week that there should be a 12-inch base of cement underneath the ties. But at Tuesday night's meeting this was reconsidered and the matter has been left to the decision of Engineer A. D. Sheldon whether the depth of the base shall be 8, 10 or 12 inches in depth.

A resolution was passed permitting the railroad company to lay 100-lb. T rails on West Liberty street, instead of 60-lb standard grade rails at present in use.

An ordinance to extend water mains was passed and appears in another part of this paper.

Carl Brown, who is allotting the large farm north of town recently purchased from Mayor Randall, was present at the meeting and asked that council extend the water mains to encompass his property. The main will be extended to the corporation line, which will take in the property of Mr. Brown. The latter stated that he is about ready to begin grading on the new streets which will intersect his allotment.

Boys Encamped at "Mudjekeewis"

Medina county younger boys, numbering between 30 and 40, are in "Camp Mudjekeewis" with County Secretaries Stow and Conarroe and other leaders, from Aug. 5-14. "Visitors Day," when all parents and friends are welcomed, occurs Aug. 20. The older boys' section will camp Aug. 16-26. This section will be for boys above 15 years of age.

LADDIES HOPE TO WIN

The fire laddies are determined to bring home some prize money from Huron next Wednesday and are practicing nightly to enter the various contests on that day. A special car has been chartered to convey the firemen and a number of citizens who are planning to go. Tickets may be purchased from any of the firemen up to Monday night. The car will leave at 7 a. m., central time, Wednesday.

High Praised for Sharon Camp-meeting

Rev. D. P. Palmer, president of the Sharon Camp-meeting association, is authority for the statement that positive evidence is at hand that during the sixteen seasons during which Camp Sharon has been active, more ministers, missionaries, deaconesses and other special workers in the church have gone forth from the services at Sharon than from all the churches in Medina county. This is accounted for, says a local minister, by the fact that in the atmosphere of continued religious emphasis, such as is the aim of the camp-meeting association, it becomes easier for a young Christian to concentrate thought upon the question of Christian service to the point where the determination is reached to make the great decision of sacrificing the whole life in special service to the church. It is results like these which are building up the camp and account for the fact that in spite of the rainy weather, this year's attendance at the camp was the largest in its history.

DISSATISFIED? FILE COMPLAINT

The County Budget Commission met at the office of Auditor Garver Monday and organized by electing A. B. Underwood as chairman. In another part of this paper under the heading "Notice to Taxing Boards and Taxpayers" will be found the dates for hearing complaints from the various townships and special districts. Those desiring to register complaints should read this notice carefully and be on hand at the appointed day and hour for their township or district.

Spondylotherapy Doctors, Beware

As soon as the state medical board shall be able to hold examinations, all non-medical healers in Ohio, excepting divine healers, will have to be licensed by the state.

This is the result of the sweeping provisions of the Platt-Ellis bill, which became operative last Sunday at midnight. Affected, among others, are chiropractors, chiropractors, massage and practitioners of spondylotherapy, naprapathy, neopopathy, hydrotherapy, psycho-therapy and other nonmedical cults. So far as those in Medina who practice spondylotherapy are concerned, the law will operate upon very few. For some reason or other Medina people don't take to spondylotherapy as they should. Oh, it's a marvelous treatment. How could it be otherwise? Just look at the word. It sounds as if it was derived from spondulicks.

Practitioners who have been operating in the state for five years or more need not take an examination to show fitness, but all must be licensed. The new law does not affect osteopaths, who operate under a separate law.

Work on New R. R. to Begin Next Month

Announcement was made in Cleveland Saturday that the Cleveland & Ohio Central railway will start construction work next month at three points, Cleveland, Wadsworth and Zanesville, and that the road must be in operation in two years under contract with the Schaefer-Iall company of Buffalo.

Dr. J. W. Buchanan, present trustee, is to be president of the road, and M. G. Norton general manager, it is announced.

The road will open up a new farming district. Entrance into Cleveland is to be through Brooklyn.

TWO VETERAN LADIES DIE

Death removed two aged ladies from Remson Corners this week—Mrs. Caroline Brown, 71, on Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock and Mrs. Wm. Snider, 69, on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Brown was the wife of Azeus Brown and for many years resided at Weymouth. She leaves three sons. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. Charles Searles officiating. Burial at Hinckley Ridge.

Mrs. Snider had only resided at Remson Corners since Spring. She died very suddenly of acute indigestion. She is survived by the husband and a few children. Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at the home at 1 o'clock p. m., and Rev. Chas. Searles will officiate. Burial will be made in the cemetery at Copley.

DEATH OF DR. HEAVLIN

Dr. Heavlin, dentist at Seville, but whose home was near Chippewa Lake, died Saturday at German Hospital, Cleveland, of diabetes. He had been suffering for some time with a carbuncle on his neck and had gone to the hospital to be operated upon. But this was not the cause of his death. Dr. Heavlin was but 51 years of age. He is survived by a widow, a son and daughter and one brother. The funeral was held at the home on Wednesday and burial made at Seville.

SENTINEL TOURISTS BACK FROM COAST

The Medina Sentinel tourists arrived home from the coast Tuesday night, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald and the others of the party that left July 15.

The young women naturally were tired and very glad to get home. They expressed themselves as having had a nice time, and enjoying the wonderful scenery and entertainment to the utmost. Outside of the usual difficulties of long distance travel, all got along fine, and none became ill except as they were affected by the rarified atmosphere in high altitude, or by the fatigue of constant travel.

They reached Wooster on the 5:03 train Tuesday evening in the Pullman car "Morisco," an even better car than the one in which they left Wooster. Their last grand sightseeing tour was through the great Canyon in Arizona, which was not included on the original schedule. They left there last Saturday evening at 7:30, and arrived at Chicago on the Santa Fe Tuesday morning, leaving there at the same time for home.

The young ladies are enthusiastic over the trip and their praise of the Sentinel's great enterprise in awarding such splendid and expensive prizes, is unstinted.

CONFER AS TO LIQUOR COMM'R

Candidates for liquor commissioners from this district of Medina, Lorain and Ashland counties are beginning to show above the surface in substantial numbers, although there are only two official plums to be given out. Lorain doubtless will secure the Democratic commissioner while local Republicans are busy at work in an effort to land the remaining job for a candidate at home. A secret conference was held in the lobby of the American House Thursday forenoon by a man by the name of Babcock of Lorain, Schultz of Ashland and M. F. Jones of Lodi, but the conference was so near to our press hour that we had not sufficient time to learn just what took place.

Narrow Escape From Eastland Disaster

A delay of thirty minutes, due to a heavy rain storm, prevented a deep and lasting sorrow to Mrs. Maggie Leach of Medina, and the loss of a husband and father to Mrs. A. W. Leach and baby of Chicago, in the Eastland disaster of last week.

The mother received a letter from her son soon after the disaster, assuring her of his safety. Mr. Leach was in the employ of the Western Electric Company, who had chartered the Eastland for the outing to its employees. Mr. Leach had planned to take part in a ball game later in the day. As he bade goodbye to Mrs. Leach and the month-old baby, it began to rain and Mrs. Leach tried to persuade her husband not to go. Soon it ceased to rain and Mr. Leach boarded the elevated train for the docks. This little delay undoubtedly saved his life. When he arrived at the wharf the tragedy had happened.

In his letter to his mother Mr. Leach describes graphically what he witnessed. Overjoyed that he had escaped death, he hastened to convey the glad tidings to his wife. But all wires were in requisition and it was some time before he was able to extricate himself from the immense crowd that had assembled. Information of the horrible catastrophe had preceded his arrival home, where he found his wife prostrated in the belief that he had perished.

Mr. Leach writes that many who lost their life on the Eastland were his intimate acquaintances and fellow employees of the Western Electric Co. and that no less than two hundred had lived within a few blocks of his home.

State Duplicate to be Increased

The state tax commission announced Saturday that it has received complete abstracts of this year's tax assessment covering 39 counties which show a net gain of \$2,898,976 over last year's valuations. Estimates from the four large cities, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo, indicate that these cities will probably have a total increase of about \$50,000,000. Estimates for Cleveland total nearly \$36,000,000.

Among the counties showing increases are the following: Medina, \$1,039,740; Coshocton \$195,012; Hardin (Gov. Willis' home county) \$1,016,028; Licking \$450,930; Portage, \$1,630,005; Richland \$1,072,140; Allen county shows a decrease of \$1,587,605. A large part of the decreases are in counties heavily affected by the decrease in stock, grain and feed values. There has been considerable increase in the returns for household effects.